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By: *Teresa Anderson*  
 Name: Teresa Anderson

CONTINUATION APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)

Mail Stop PATENT APPLICATION  
 Commissioner for Patents  
 P.O. Box 1450  
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuation application under 37 CFR § 1.53(b) of Serial No. 10/434,517, filed on May 7, 2003 entitled BRAIDED IMPLANT FOR SNORING TREATMENT by the following inventor(s):

Full Name Of Inventor	Family Name KNUDSON	First Given Name MARK	Second Given Name B.
Residence & Citizenship	City SHOREVIEW	State or Foreign Country MINNESOTA	Country of Citizenship USA
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Full Name Of Inventor	Family Name CONRAD	First Given Name TIMOTHY	Second Given Name R.
Residence & Citizenship	City EDEN PRAIRIE	State or Foreign Country MINNESOTA	Country of Citizenship USA
Post Office Address	Post Office Address 11068 BRANCHING HORN	City EDEN PRAIRIE	State & Zip Code/Country MINNESOTA 55347/USA

1.  Enclosed is the application; including the specification, claims, drawings, a signed oath or declaration from the prior application. The continuing application is as follows: 18 pages of specification, 13 claims, 1 page of abstract, 13 sheets of formal drawings, and 4 pages of oath or declaration.
- The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

2.  The filing fee is calculated below:

**CLAIMS AS FILED**

NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA		RATE	FEE
<b>TOTAL CLAIMS:</b> 13	<b>-20</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>x \$9.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>INDEPENDENT CLAIMS</b>				
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			<b>BASIC FILING FEE:</b>	<b>\$385.00</b>
			<b>TOTAL FILING FEE:</b>	<b>385.00</b>

- Small entity status is claimed pursuant to 37 CFR 1.27.

3.  Payment of fees:  
 Attached is a check in the amount of 385.00  
 Please charge Deposit Account No. 13-2725.
4.  The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees as set forth in 37 CFR §§ 1.16 to 1.18 which may be required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Account No. 13-2725.
5.  A set of formal drawings ( sheets) is enclosed.
6.  Priority of application Serial No. , filed on in , is claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119.  
 The certified copy has been filed in prior application Serial No. , filed .
7.  The prior application is assigned of record to Restore Medical, Inc. located at St. Paul, Minnesota and Recorded at Reel 013706, Frame 0220.
8.  The Power of Attorney in the prior application is to:

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Minneapolis, MN 55402-2215

9.  A preliminary amendment is enclosed. (Claims added by this amendment have been properly numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered original claim in the prior application.)  
 Fee for excess claims is attached.
10.  A petition and fee has been filed to extend the term in the prior application until . A copy of the petition for extension of time in the prior application is attached.
11.  The inventor(s) in this application are less than those named in the prior application and it is requested that the following inventors identified above for the prior application be deleted:
12.  A Nonpublication Request under 37 CFR 1.213(a) is enclosed.

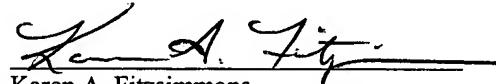
- 13.  Also Enclosed: Petition to Change Order of Inventor Names and check in the amount of \$130.00 for Petition Fee
- 14.  Address all future communications to the **Attention of Karen A. Fitzsimmons** (may only be completed by attorney or agent of record) at the address below.
- 15.  A return postcard is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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Date: April 15, 2004

  
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Applicant: KNUDSON ET AL. Examiner: UNKNOWN  
Serial No.: NEW FILING Group Art Unit: UNKNOWN  
Filed: HEREWITH Docket No.: 13033.1USC9  
Title: BRAIDED IMPLANT FOR SNORING TREATMENT

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37 CFR §1.182 PETITION TO CHANGE ORDER OF INVENTOR NAMES

Mail Stop Petitions  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner to change the order in which the inventors' names appear in the heading of any patent resulting from the above-identified application.

Applicants request the order of the names be changed to the following:

MARK B. KNUDSON  
TIMOTHY R. CONRAD

The petition fee set forth in §1.17(h) is enclosed. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2725. Applicants' representative may be contacted at the below-listed telephone number, if it is believed that prosecution of this application may be assisted thereby.

Respectfully submitted,

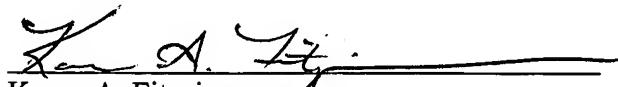
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